

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 8, 10, 13-15, 17, 19 and 20, as amended, remain herein. Claim 14 has been amended to correct antecedent basis. Claim 18 has been cancelled.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the interview conducted at the USPTO on June 26, 2009. During the interview, applicants' attorneys again presented the arguments stated in the Amendment filed May 26, 2009. The Examiner indicated that she found persuasive applicants' arguments demonstrating the patentability of applicants' claims over Hosokawa et al. JP 2000-068057 and Mishima et al. U.S. Patent Application Publication 2002/0096995.

The PTO is hereby authorized to charge/credit any fee deficiencies or overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-4293. If further amendments would place this application in even better condition for issue, the Examiner is invited to call applicants' undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

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